Claims

- 1. A process for the treatment of dust- and oxygen-containing exhaust gases, which contain sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides, at temperatures in the range from 200°C to 500°C by means of reducing agents in a reactor (19) which is equipped with solid catalyst (20) with flow passages, in which the free opening surface of the catalyst (20) is more than 50 % and in which the passages of the catalyst (20) have a hydraulic diameter of more than 2 mm, characterized in that
 - a) the treatment in the reactor (19) is performed in the presence of and/or with the addition of one or more substances selected from free oxides, carbonates, hydroxides of calcium, magnesium, sodium and potassium,
 - b) during the treatment, the operating conditions of the gas flow in the free reaction space are adjusted corresponding to the Froude numbers in the range of

$$1 \le 3/4 \cdot \frac{\mu^2}{g \cdot d_k} \cdot \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_k - \rho_g} \le 100$$

with

$$\frac{\mu^2}{g \cdot d_k} = Fr^2.$$

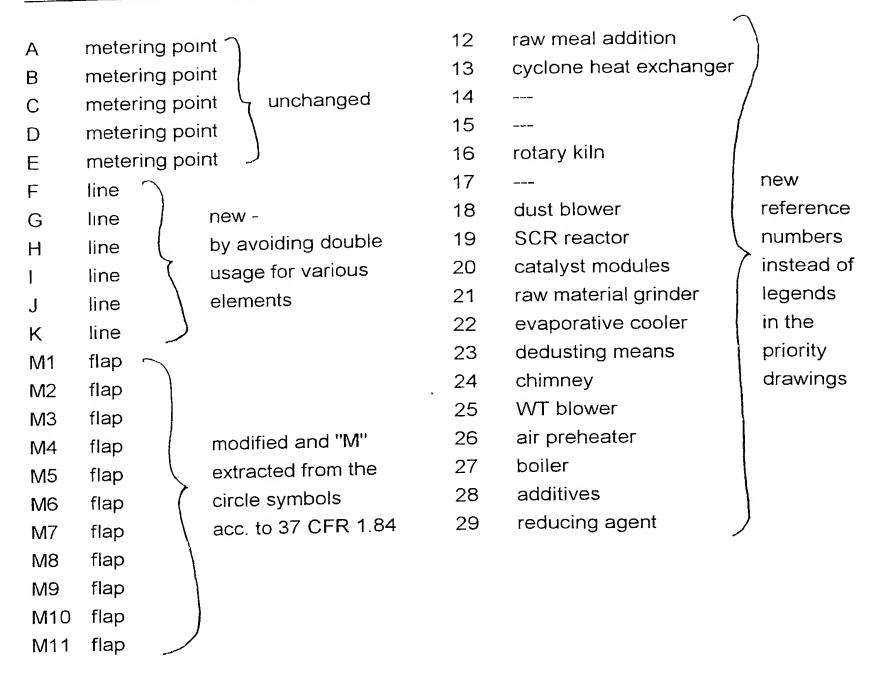
- 2. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that in the reactor (19) honeycomb and/or plate catalysts (20) are used, which beside titanium dioxide and tungsten contain more than 0.5 wt-%, preferably 2-8 wt-%, vanadium pentoxide.
- 3. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that the treatment is performed in the presence of and/or with the addition of one or more substances selected from free oxides, carbonates, hydroxides of calcium, magnesium, sodium and potassium with an average particle size d_{50} between 5 μ m and 100 μ m.

- 4. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the treatment of the exhaust gas is preferably performed in the presence of and/or with the addition of one or more substances selected from free oxides, carbonates, hydroxides of calcium.
- 5. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that as reducing agent there are used NH₃-releasing compounds such as (NH₄)₂SO₄, (NH₄)₂CO₃, (NH₄)HCO₃, (COONH₃)₂H₂O, HCOONH₄, NH₃, NH₄OH, H₂O-CO-NH₂, NH₂CN, Ca(CN)₂, NaOCN, C₂H₄N₄, C₃H₆N₆ and NH₃-containing waste waters from photochemical plants, singly or several of them.
- 6. The process as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that before entry of the exhaust gases in the reactor (19), the NH₃-releasing compounds are incorporated in the flue gas stream in the gaseous, liquid or solid condition at temperatures in the range between 200°C and 1000°C.
- 7. The process as claimed in any of claims 5 and 6, characterized in that the NH₃-releasing compounds are incorporated in the flue gas stream in the form of dilute aqueous solutions at temperatures in the range between 300°C and 550°C.
- 8. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the presence or the addition of one or more substances selected from free oxides, carbonates, hydroxides of calcium, magnesium, sodium and potassium to the flue gas stream preferably is effected before the use of NH₃-releasing compounds.
- 9. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the flow to the reactor (19) equipped with the catalyst (20) is effected from above or from below.
- 10. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that the flow to the reactor (19) equipped with the catalyst (20) is effected alternately from above and from below.

- 11. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that beside the breakdown of sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides, the reactor (19) equipped with the catalyst (20) is at the same time used for the breakdown of halogen compounds, halogenated organic compounds, hydrocarbons and CO.
- 12. The process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the reactor (19) equipped with the catalyst (20) is used for the breakdown of sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides in dust-laden exhaust gases in the chemical and metallurgical industries as well as in the cement and lime industries, in power plants and in garbage incineration plants in the process flow at temperatures in the range between 200°C and 500°C without additional preheating of the exhaust gas.
- 13. An apparatus for the treatment of dust- and oxygen-containing exhaust gases of a cement factory, which exhaust gases contain sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides, characterized in that the reactor (19) equipped with catalyst (20) is disposed in the exhaust gas stream behind the cyclone heat exchanger (13) (and before the raw material grinder (21) and before the bypass I to the evaporative cooler (22)).
- 14. The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that the addition of NH₃-releasing compounds to the heat exchanger preferably is effected in the vicinity of the raw meal addition (12) and/or shortly behind the raw meal addition (12), preferably before the last cyclone (Z1).
- 15. An apparatus for the treatment of dust- and oxygen-containing exhaust gases of a power plant, which exhaust gases contain sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides as well as halogen compounds, halogenated organic compounds, hydrocarbons and CO, as claimed in any of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the reactor (19) equipped with catalyst (20) is disposed in the exhaust gas stream behind the boiler (27) and before the air preheater (26).

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Note:

All corrections in the drawings and the claims were executed without including any "new matter" according to 35 U.S.C. 113 ff.